HOLIDAY BUSINESS GOOD ALL OVER U.S.

South and West Particularly Have Plenty of Money to Spend.

BIG CROPS, HIGH PRICES **BRING ON TRADE BOOM**

Products of Kansas Alone During Year Are Estimated to Be Worth \$90,000,000.

NEW YORK, December 1.-Report eason just entered upon will break all records for retail business. For the first time in many years every secon of the United States seems to have oney to spend for luxuries as well as

Nowhere is the improvement morarked than in the south, where the pression that has made that section ing behind the rest of the country has it last lifted. The change there has een wrought largely by an advance in he price of cotton and by the fact that growers were enabled by the special maneing measures taken after the outreak of war to hold their 1914 crop

From all parts of the country, how ver, come similar reports of record clearings, mills that were idle ow running at capacity, dividends ing resumed and increased, and mer chants stocking up shelves that ha chants stocking up shelves that had long been empty. The recovery has been due only in part to the receipt of war orders; big crops sold at high prices, and the demand for commodities for export has provided spending money at centers. Raiiroad earnings are showing marked gains in gross revenues, and, with the operating economies effected during the depression, net earnings are showing proportionate et earnings are showing proportionate gains on most of the lines. For the rst time in a great many years the umber trade is beginning to experi-

Business conditions in the Mississippi valley are vastly better this season than for two years past, in the opinion leading wholesale and retail dealers of Memphis. New Orleans jobbers say that November business was unusually

heavy. Wholesalers report increases in business for that month of from 50 to 100 per cent.

Business throughout North Carolina is improving rapidly. President Park of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce says that the result of the practice of economy in the south has been the provision of more money for Christmas shopping than has been seen for a number of years. In Birmingham the metal manufacturing concerns are d the pay rolls are correspondingly
c. Montgomery reports that diversiation of crops has brought better
nes. Nashville cites a big increase
local railway earnings as evidence
business conditions in Tennessee.

companies have recently been incorporated. Every plant in the Youngstown district is running at maximum
capacity, and a shortage of labor is
making itself felt. Cincinnati notices
a steady improvement in business.

In the Northwest.

Chicago merchants say that collections are better, and that orders is many lines are picking up. Bank clear. ings in St. Paul broke all records yesterday, and bankers, wholesalers and railroad executives all report much better conditions. Retail business in St. Louis is said to be better now than ever before. November made a new high record. Indianapolis has experienced a big increase in building permits and post office receipts. In Detroit practically all of the factories are rushed with work, and there has been an increase of \$8,000 in population in the last ten months. Minneapolis flour mills shipped in the first quarter of the 1915-16 crop year 6,400,000 barrels, a new high record by more than 1,000,000 barrels. terday, and bankers, wholesalers and

Salt Lake City says that nearly all lines in the intermountain territory are doing a heavier business. The recent advance in the price of silver and other metals has stimulated prosperity. Mon-tana has marketed 30,000,000 bushels of wheat

Copper and zinc mining industries have never been so active, and e ployes are drawing 15 per cent m pay than usual. Denver reports ployes are drawing 15 per cent more pay than usual. Denver reports exceptionally prosperous conditions, with money easy and collections improving. San Francisco says that in addition to the gains due to the exposition, improvement has been seen all along the Pacific slope. Seattle finds business better than for four years past, and Portland merchants report a big early hollday trade.

Mrs. Melinda Wiltshire, eighty-seven, widow of Weedon Wiltshire, died at Mine Run, Orange county, Va. She is survived by six children, thirty-one grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren.



COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE FOR "THRIFT" CAMPAIGN

Appointments Made by President Haynes of Local Chapter, Institute of Banking.

The committee of the local chapter f the American Institute of Banking which is to arrange for the "thrift" ampaign to be held in this city beginning January 1, 1916, has been ap-pointed by President Harry V. Haynes,

F. B. Devereau, National Savings and rust Company; J. M. Riordan, cashier Bank of Commerce and Savings; E. S. olfe, cashier District National Bank; ohn Poole, president Federal National Bank; Herbert Smith, National Savings and Trust Company; Joshua Evans, cashier Riggs National Bank; Avon M. Nevins, Robert V. Fleming, Riggs' National Bank; Ross E. Pollock, John Juvenile Court in addressing a gather-A. Petty, Home Savings Bank; F. R. Petit, Washington Southern Bank; John E. Fugitt, American Security and Charities last night at the new Northreceived from many points in the west Trust Company; R. L. Newhauser, Mun-and south indicate that the holiday sey Trust Company; H. W. Ireland, Home Savings Bank; W. W. Spaid. Hibbs & Co.; F. G. Addison, jr., Home Savings Bank; L. C. Eckloff, National

comedy, sparkling action and a pleasing amount of frivolity now and then. Most of the time the comedians are furnishing fun on the stage, but when they are not the "beauty chorus" of twenty-two adds coloring to the stage picture, and sings the latest metropolitan hits and dances.

The company is headed by Lew Hilton and Lester Allen, and includes Bob Ferns, Frances St. Clair, Elsie Meadows, Raney and Gibson, and the United Trio and Savo.

Crandall's.

"The Unfaithful Wife" will be the photoplay attraction at Crandall's from Sunday until Wedneslay, with Robert B. Mantell, the tragedian, and Genevieve Hamper pictured in the leading

The play deals with a woman loved y two men, one of them her husband. The picture cast shows Stuart Holmes as the villain, and Shadow Lawn, at Elberon, N. J., which has been chosen for the summer White House, it is said, to serve as the setting for many of the scenes. Thursday and Friday "The Grey Mask" will be shown, with Edwin Arden and Barbara Tennant pictured in the leading roles. It is a story of the underworld. Saturday Gladys Hanson will be pictured in "The Primrose Path," in five parts, from the play by Bayard Veiller, author of "Within the Law." and. The picture cast shows Stuart

netal manufacturing concerns are chard," founded on the novel by Agnes working at their maximum capacity and Egerton Castle, which will be and the pay rolls are correspondingly shown Sunday at the Leader Theater and Egerton Castle, which will be shown Sunday at the Leader Theater shown Sunday at the Leader Theater. It is a story of a woman who has a hidden taint of character derived from her mother. Monday and Tuesday and Sunday story of a woman who has a sunday earnings as evidence of business conditions in Tennessee.

Big Stocks in Atlanta.

Atlanta stores have laid in unusually large stocks, to be ready for an expected big holiday trade. People in Georgia seem to have more money, and they are spending it in a way to indicate a belief in the arrival of better days. Waycross, Ga., is celebrating a stratum to the highest in both social stratum to the life of a girl from the life of a girl from the life of a girl from the lowest than the Leader Theater. It is a story of a woman who has a hidden taint of character derived from the lowest threat the same time to the Leader Theater. It is a story of a woman who has a hidden taint of character derived from the lowest threat times. At lanta story of a woman who has a hidden taint of character derived from the lowest threat times a story of a woman who has a hidden taint of character derived from the lowest threat times a story of a woman who has a stratum to the highest in both socia and financial life. The Leader orches tra accompanies all pictures.

JUVENILE COURT NEEDS

Their Usefulness in Non-Support Cases Is Set Forth by Judge Latimer.

Speaker Lauds the Associated Charities-Walter S. Ufford Discusses Value of Co-Operation.

have to be called upon to provide probation officers for the Juvenile Court for additional officers, was the state

northeast. Probation officers to investigate, pecially non-support cases, he said, are needed. The speaker told of the co-

savings Bank; L. C. Sckloff, National Bank; R. S. Stuntz, Park Savings Bank; L. C. Sckloff, National Bank; R. S. Stuntz, Park Savings Bank; Burdett Kelly, office of controller of the currency; Charles T. Beaumer, Riggs' National Bank, J. Miller Kenyon is to deliver the last of a series of law lectures before the chapter tomorrow might at its headquarters, 124 F. Farrett morthwest, meeting of the season December 2, when an extensive entertainment program is to be presented.

"Million Dollar Dolls."

The "Million Dollar Dolls," a noted burdesque organization of the Columbia amusement circuit, will appear at the Gayety Theater next week in a two-at musical burdesque, entitled "Hotel Dolls," and other organizations and sumsement circuit, will appear at the Gayety Theater next week in a two-at musical burdesque, entitled "Hotel Dolls," with rough-house methods eliminated, and replaced by snappy comedy, sparkling action and a pleasing amount of frivolity now and therefore were and sings the latest metro-politan hits and dances.

that its main purpose is to correct, not to punish nor merely to find out the guilt or innocence of the person on trial.

Indeed Letiens and stated tary of the central office of the Associated Charities, related her experiences in dealing with certain cases.

Dr. Percival Hall, president of Columbia Institution for the Deaf, pre-

Judge Latimer, lauding the work of the Associated Charities, said the co-operation of the Charities and Juveile Court is about as close as it can

Walter S. Ufford's Theme.

Walter S. Ufford, general secretary of the Associated Charities, also spoke on co-operation. He opened his address by declaring that the Associated Charlies gets a great many knocks and speaker said the Associated Charities would not be able to accomplish very much if it was not for the good will of

much if it was not for the good will of the people.

Taking up the present non-support law, Mr. Ufford said it was a model one and that it is being copied by many states of the Union. He told of the ex-cellent work done in the Juvenile Court since the law went into effect, and said that a majority of the men who are taken before that court to answer a charge of non-support are glad to be charge of non-support are glad to be given the opportunity to go out and make good, rather than to go down to Occoquan and work for \$3 a week, which

Occoquan and work for \$3 a week, which is given to the support of their families. It is better that the men should be made to do their part in supporting their families, he said, than to have the wives and children depending on the churches or institutions.

Speaking of the work done by the Associated Charities, he explained that there are thousands of names of families "carded" in its office. On the backs of these cards, he said, are the names of all agencies in Washington that are interested in that particular family, which means that each is a friend of that family. The charities last year befriended 2,467 families, he said, adding that in using the word "befriended" he did so in a very broad sense.

are ready to begin all over again. throu Miss Louise Beall, assistant, secre-trict. Judge Latimer explained the work-

AFFECTS EXPORTS ONLY

there are many knockers. The , Domestic Traffic in New York Has Not Been Interrupted, Railroad Officials Say.

> NEW YORK, December 1.-Remedies for the congestion of freight at New York and other coast cities are sought by a committee of railroad operating the Trunk Line Association here today applied in part by the Pennsylvania. Lackawanna, and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads. The committee will regular movement of export traffic. The co-operation of shippers and steamship companies will be enlisted to expedite

JOHN D. LANGHORNE'S WILL SUBMITTED FOR PROBATE

Disposes of Realty in Three States and Personal Property Valued at \$500.000.

Real estate in Virginia, Kentucky and \$500,000 are disposed of by the will of John D. Langhorne, dated November 2, 1909, and filed for probate late yesterday afternoon. The estate is to be distributed in eight equal parts mong the children. The share o Alice Langhorne Washburn is to be held in trust by George T. and Cary D. Langhorne during her life and the net income paid to her. On her death her share is to be distributed among her children.

The share of John D. Langhorne, jr. is to be held in trust by James P. Langhorne and the net income applied for the maintenance of the beneficiary, his wife and children. On the death of John D. Langhorne, jr., his portion of the estate is to go to his children and The eight children, who survive Mr.

The eight children, who survive Mr. Langhorne, are James P. Langhorne of San Francisco, Mary P. Gwathney of Norfolk, Va.; John D. Langhorne, jr., of Alameda, Cal.; George T. Langhorne, stationed at Fort Bliss, Tex.; Maurice M. Langhorne of Washington, sojourning at The Hague, Holland; Cary D. Langhorne of Philadelphia, Nannie T. L. Clayton of Washington and Allce L. Washburn of Minneapolis, but sojourning in London, England. Attorney Arthur Peter represents the estate. James P. Laghorne and Nannie T. L. Clayton are named as executors.

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